



LIVER, GALLBLADDER and/or PANCREAS ULTRASOUND/SONOGRAM

WHAT IS THIS TEST?

Pictures of the abdominal organs are taken with sound waves, not x-rays.

WHY IS THIS TEST DONE?

You may have a complaint of right-sided pain, indigestion, nausea, or vomiting.

Your doctor may have told you that blood work done during a routine physical examination found that your liver functions were elevated.

Primarily, the sonogram will determine if there are stones in your gallbladder, or if the ducts (tubes) in your liver or pancreas are enlarged.

BEFORE THIS TEST

You may **not** eat or drink anything for 8-10 hours before the test. If you eat, the gallbladder and ducts will empty to help digest food and will not be easily seen during the test.

If your test is scheduled in the morning, we suggest that you eat nothing after midnight the night before the test is scheduled.

DURING THIS TEST

You will be asked to change from your clothes into a hospital gown.

You will be asked to lie on an exam table.

Warm gel is applied to your abdomen. This helps the scanner slide easily on your skin.

Pictures will be seen on a TV screen during the exam.

AFTER THE TEST

You may be asked to wait while the pictures are developed.

There are no further restrictions. You may resume your regular diet.

TEST RESULTS

The pictures are reviewed by the Radiologist and the results are sent to your doctor. The results *cannot* be given to you by the sonographer administering the test.

If you have any questions, call your physician or call the Hamot Ultrasound Department at (814) 877-2258.

If you cannot keep your appointment, please call our scheduling department at (814) 877-6123 to reschedule.